

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the abstract with the following, amended abstract:

An information processing apparatus and an information processing method capable of accurately, efficiently determining a key region from a structured document which includes a plurality of regions without imposing operation burden on a user are provided. The information processing apparatus for determining a key region from a structured document including a plurality of regions, includes: a read section ~~acquiring contents or management information of the regions included in said structured document at time series for a plurality of number of times~~; a storage section ~~storing the contents or management information of the regions acquired by the read section~~; a comparison and check section ~~comparing the contents or management information of the corresponding regions among the contents or management information of the regions acquired by the read section, and checking whether each of the regions has been updated based on a comparison result~~; an update frequency calculation section calculating update frequency information for each of the regions based on a history of a check result of the comparison and check section; and a key region determination section determining the key region from the plurality of regions included in said structure document based on the update frequency information.